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SUBJECT: JAPAN:POULTRY IMPORT SITUATION

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR USE BY U.S.
NEGOTIATORS, AS REQUESTED REFTEL.

1. POULTRY MEAT

A) TARIFF:
CHICKEN 20 PERCENT
TURKEY 10
DUCK AND OTHERS(RECENTLY
LOWERED FROM20 PERCENT) 16

B) QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS --NONE

C) ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE -- VERY LIMITED,BUT SEE
HEALTH PROBLEM,BELOW.

D) HEALTH PROBLEM--THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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WELFARE(MHW) HAS A "ZERO TOLERANCE" LEVEL FOR PRESENCE
OF SALMONELLA ON MECHANICALLY DEBONED IMPORTED CHICKEN.
U.S. SCIENTISTS HAVE SUGGESTED THE APPLICATION OF A
"LIMITED USE CERTIFICATION" THAT WOULD ENSURE COOKED-
ONLY USAGE (AND VIRTUALLY 100 PERCENT SALMONELLA KILL).
HOWEVER, INDICATIONS ARE NOT BRIGHT FOR MHW APPROVAL OF
THIS SUGGESTION. MEANWHILE, DOMESTIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

ARE NOT NEARLY AS STRINGENT AS FOR IORTS.

E) IMPORTS: POULTRY

(1) CHICKEN: 1000MT,MIL. U.S. DOLLARS

U.S. ALL
CYS QTY VAL QTY VAL
75 11.8 15.7 20.6 26.0
76 23.6 27.7 37.0 45.8
77 31.8 38.6 46.1 60.9

(2) OTHERPOULTRY:

75 0.3 0.5 0.9 1.0
76 0.6 0.8 1.4 1.4
77 0.8 1.0 1.5 1.9

(3) TOTAL POULTRY:

75 12.1 16.2 21.5 27.0
76 24.2 28.5 38.4 47.2
77 32.6 39.6 47.6 62.8

IMPORTS: EGGS ANDPRODUCTS

(1) LIQUID YOLKS: 1000 MT, MIL. U.S. DOLLARS

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CYS QTY VAL QTY VAL
75 2.8 4.3 8.8 12.4
76 0.4 0.7 6.3 9.3
77 3.8 6.1 11.8 18.9

(2) OTHER EGG PRODUCTS

75 0.5 1.9 28.3 21.4
76 0.2 0.7 32.6 22.7
77 1.7 3.1 32.4 26.5

(3) TOTAL EGG PRODUCTS

75 3.3 6.2 37.1 33.8
76 0.6 1.4 38.9 32.0
77 5.5 9.2 44.2 45.4

F) POULTRY -DOMESTIC PRODUCTION (1000)

CYS BROILER HEN TOTAL CHICKEN
75 617 138 755
76 701 137 838
77 785 133 918

EGGS -DOMESTIC PRODUCTION

CYS SHELLEGG
75 1,788
76 1,859
77 1,878

2. EGG AND PRODUCTS

A) TARIFF --
DRIED YOLK 25PERCENT

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DRIED WHOLE 25
LIQUID YOLK AND LIQUID
WHOLE 25 OR 60 YEN PER KG WHICHEVER
-- IS HIGHER
ALBUMEN 25 (PREFERENTIAL 10)

B) QUANTITATIVE RESTIRICTIONS --NONE

C) ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE --MAF HAS LONG USED ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE ON EGG IMPORTS. HOWEVER, IN 1976, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE QUANTITIES AFFECTED WERE SIGNIFICANT. IN THAT YEAR, MAF ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE APPARENTLY FORCED Q AND P, CO., LTD., THE LARGEST (UPWARDS OF 70 PERCENT MARKET SHARE) MAYONNAISE PRODUCER IN JAPAN, TO CUTBACK ITS FOREIGN PURCHASES OF FROZEN EGG YOLK BY 2,000 MT (SEE FAS/W JP6016). ACCORDING TO

TRADE INFORMATION, THE 1977 IMPORT QUANTITY AFFECTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE APEARS TO HAVE BEEN 2,000 MTOR HIGHER.

D) HEALTH PROBLEM -- NONE OUTSTANDING,BUT SEE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE ABOVE.

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E) E & F: SEE TRADE NDPRODUCTION DATA FOR EGGS AND PRODUCTS ODVE.

G) TRADEOUTLOOK WITH REMOVALOF RESTRICTIONS (EGGPRODUCTS):

IMPORTS OF YOLKS, AMONG OTHERS, COULD DOUBLE IF THE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES ARE DISCONTINUED, ACCORDING TO TRADE SOURCES. DEMAND FOR HIGH QUALITY YOLKS FROM THE U.S. APPEARS STRONG.MANSFIELD

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